Harnessing of wind power

2150. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether efforts have been made to harness the wind power in the country keeping in view the shortage of power supply in the country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and whether any wind power stations have been set up in the country; and

(c) what are the quantity of energy being produced by these wind power stations ?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Wind Farm projects for the generation of over 3 MW electrical power are already under implementation at Kandla and Okha in Gujarat, Deogarh in Maharashtra, Puri in Orissa and Tuticorin in Tamil Nadu. A 40 KW wind electric generator is also now operational in Gujarat. Five wind battery chargers of capacities upto 3 KM have been installed. It is proposed to expand the wind power capacity following the commissioning of the wind farm projects currently under installation.

Oil wells near Bombay High

2151. SHRI KALPNATH RAI: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any oil wells were struck during the last two years near Bombay High;

(b) if so, what are the details of the same and their oil potential; and

(c) how far that potential is being utilized?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI NAWAL KISHORE SHARMA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The details are as follows:

Name of place/ structure	Initial flow of oil rate (barrels per day)	Choks Size
B—178 . .	1071	1/2"
Panna East .	102	1/4"
D—18 . .	3398	1/2"
B—172 . .	2380	1"

The potential of these strikes and their commercial viability will be determined only after further delineation drilling.

Upward revision of price of Cellulose Triacetate

2152. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Chief Minister of Karnataka had requested him to persuade H.P.F. Manufacturers for having upward revision of price of the Cellulose Triacetate to the above Union Government undertaking, sometimes during November, 1984;

(b) Whether a price hike of Rs. 50/- per K.G| retrospectively from 1st April, 1984 was mutually agreed upon between the Hindustan Photo Films and Mysore Acetate and Chemicals Company Limited (MACC); and

(c) whether Government propose to take initiative to have another upward revision of the Cellulose Triacetate so that Mysore Acetate and Chemicals company Limited may have the benefits of rising prices?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) HPF has in the past agreed for price increase of CTA supplied by MACC

from time to time as could be seen from the details below:—

Effective Date	Rate per Kg (X works Mandla + CST extra)
	Rs.
June, 1974 . . .	25
7th September, 1977 . .	26
17th May, 1978 . .	27·5
13th May, 1980 . .	33·5
20th Oct., 1980 . . .	37·5
1st August, 1981 . .	42·5
1st April, 1984 . . .	50
1st April, 1985 . . .	55

In July 1985, MACC have asked for a revised price of Rs. 60|- per Kg. This has not been finalised yet.

Lifting Ban on Recruitment and Promotion in Public Sector Undertakings

2153. SHRI SURAJ PRASAD: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government are actively considering the demand of the public sector undertakings to lift the ban on their recruitment and promotion;

(b) if so, what is the latest position in this regard; and

(c) the list of the public sector undertakings which had been permitted by the Government to report to their recruitment and promotions against the post which were of essential|operational nature to suit their business|commercial interests during the last three years and upto September 1985?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) Instructions have been issued in October, 1985 that in most exceptional circumstances, posts may be created or vacancies filled up with the prior approval of the Board of Directors and that too after all channels for utilising the existing manpower, through proper planning, training and deployment have been exhausted.

(c) Permission of the Government was not required by public sector undertakings for creating posts or filling up the vacancies below the leval of Board of Directors.

Vespa-XE Scooters

2154. SHRI PYARELAL KHANDELWAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a heavy demand of Vespa-XE Scooters manufactured by Lohia Machines Limited, Kanpur in the country; and

(b) if so, what is the number of pending cases of delivery, booking and quota for delivery, dealerwise in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) and (b) The company had a waiting list for about 18.75 lakh scooters as on 1st November, 1985 Over 40,000 scooters had been delivered till 31-10-85. The company allots vehicles to dealers every quarter broadly in proportion to respective bookings.

National Thermal Power Corporation

2155. SHRI BISWA GOSWAMI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) the names of the parties to whom the National Thermal Power Corporation has given contracts for over Rs. 1 crore during the past three years;

(b) the names of the firms which have their offices in Delhi; and

(c) the names of the firms which have their registered offices outside Delhi?